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Plea Entered in Offshore Stock Trading Case

Canadian resident enters criminal plea, is ordered to pay \$11 million in restitution ...

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Corrine McNabb, of Edmonton, Alberta entered a guilty plea today to securities fraud in a criminal case filed against her and two others in June 2004. As part of the plea agreement, McNabb paid \$230,000 towards restitution and is ordered to pay an additional \$10,000 per month in restitution. Her plea will be held in abeyance for twelve years to measure her progress in making restitution. McNabb also paid a \$1,000 criminal fine to the state. If she fails to make the required restitution payments, the guilty plea will be entered by the court and she will be sentenced.

The criminal charges accused McNabb and two others of taking \$11 million from investors saying the money would be invested in the stock market or offshore investments and was consistently making returns of up to 20% per month. Investors were told the investment had no risk and they would not lose any money. Salespersons claimed that McNabb did all the stock trading and "never make(s) a transaction if the profit isn't there."

The state alleged that most of the funds taken from investors was used to pay other investors and to pay personal expense for the defendants, including homes in Malibu, San Luis, Deer Valley, and Draper, as well as furnishings for the homes and vehicles they used. McNabb was alleged to have diverted over \$1.6 million to herself and members of her family.

Investors were not told that a co-defendant, Glenn Ambort had been indicted in 1998 on 70 counts of fraud and conspiracy to defraud. Ambort pleaded guilty in August 2004. The other co-defendant, Thomas T. Wood, pleaded guilty in November 2004. With the plea from McNabb, the case is concluded against all parties.

The restitution payments are being made through the Utah Attorney General's office, which prosecuted this case.